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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON WALVIS BAY

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WALVIS
BAY CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH CONTACT GROUP ON THIS SUB-
JECT, MISSION SHOULD POINT OUT THAT ONE OF SWAPO'S OBJEC-

TIONS TO LEAVING CONSIDERATION OF WALVIS BAY UNTIL AFTER NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE WAS THEIR FEAR THAT THE FIVE WOULD LOSE INTEREST ONCE THE PRESSURES ASSOCIATED WITH NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE WERE REMOVED. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED REFTEL OFFERS UNAMBIGUOUS COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE FIVE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN ASSURING AN OUTCOME FAVORABLE TO NAMIBIA. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SIMPLE DECLARATION ON THE PART OF THE FIVE WOULD RESPOND SUFFICIENTLY TO SWAPO'S CONCERNS ABOUT WESTERN GOOD FAITH TO HAVE POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON SWAPO'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL. ON THE OTHER HAND, CONTACT GROUP COMMITMENT TO APPROVE DRAFT SC RESOLUTION WOULD TAKE EFFECT ONLY IN SITUATION WHICH INCLUDED SWAPO ACCEPTANCE OF SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL, SO THAT COMMITMENT TO RESOLUTION COULD BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY IN POSITIVE CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE RESERVATIONS BY FRENCH AND CANADIAN EXPECTED REFTEL EMBASSIES PARIS AND OTTAWA SHOULD DRAW ON THE ABOVE IN DISCUSSING ISSUE WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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